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### Agriculture

#### *Deficiency in the burning qualities of tobacco in Godavari and Kistna districts.*

\* 636 Q.—Rao Sahib B. VENKATARAMAYYA: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Director of Agriculture has noticed that tobacco, deficient in burning qualities, is grown in thousands of acres in the upland tracts of West Godavari and Kistna districts;

(b) whether it is a fact that some of the ryots or any private individual interested in tobacco industry approached the Director of Agriculture regarding the same; and

(c) if so, what action the Director of Agriculture has taken in the matter?

A.—(a) The Director of Agriculture is aware that there are about 12,000 acres under tobacco in the two districts mentioned and that some of the tobacco raised there is deficient in burning.

(b) Mr. P. Narayana Rao, the Secretary of the District Temperance Committee, approached the Director of Agriculture and was informed by him that the department was starting work on tobacco on the Agricultural Research station, Guntur, and that until some definite information as to the right course to pursue was obtained, demonstration could not be undertaken.

(c) An experiment is already in progress at Guntur which will furnish information as to the effect of artificial manures on tobacco and the result of the experiment is awaited.

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know when this experiment regarding the effect of artificial manures on tobacco was started?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"Notice."

#### *Admissions to the Agricultural College at Coimbatore.*

\* 637 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the number of students who applied for admission to the Agricultural College at Coimbatore in June 1930 and the number of applicants who were given admission; and

(b) whether Government are making any arrangements to admit a larger number in the coming year?

A.—(a) 303 and 48 respectively.

(b) No. The existing class-rooms and laboratory are designed to take only 48 students per year and if the number is to be increased arrangements will have to be first made to strengthen the teaching staff of the College, further equip the laboratory, and provide additional accommodation for teaching purposes as well as lodging which is not possible on account of the present financial conditions.



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Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" May I know if the Government propose to consider how they can give admission to a large number of students in view of the large number of applicants who seek to enter the College ? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" It is stated in the answer that in the present financial stringency it is not possible to put up any additional buildings and so it cannot be considered now."

Mr. K. KOTI REDDI :—" May I know whether the Government has recognized the desirability of increasing the number of students in the College by providing for an increased accommodation or by other means ? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" Yes."

Mr. K. KOTI REDDI :—" Then do the Government propose to have a College in the Telugu area ? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" No proposal has been placed before the Government. Now that the hon. Member has said, the matter will be considered."

*Popularization of middle school education in agriculture.*

\* 638 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Director of Agriculture has submitted any proposals to the Government for popularizing middle school education in agriculture ; and

(b) whether the Government have considered how the type of education given at schools like the one at Taliparamba can be made to appeal to the cultivator ?

A.—(a) No.

(b) No. If any useful suggestions are made they will be duly considered by Government.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" May I take it that no suggestion has been made to Government to make agricultural middle school education more useful and attractive ? "

## UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

### Civil Courts

*Proposed transfer of the Rasipuram taluk to the Namakkal District Munsif.*

639 Q.—Mr. M. B. RANGASWAMI REDDIYAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal to transfer the taluk of Rasipuram (Salem district) from its present Civil Court jurisdiction to that of the District Munsif of Namakkal ;

(b) if so, on what grounds ; and

(c) whether the Government will consider the conveniences of the litigant public also in that matter ?